
Number of Establishments Gaining and Losing Employment

Another way to observe the dynamics of employment change is to count the number of establishments that opened, closed, expanded, or contracted during the quarter. A total of 11,385 establishments in Idaho gained jobs from October to December of 2009. (See table C.) Of these, 8,522 were expanding establishments and 2,863 were opening establishments.

During the fourth quarter of 2009, 12,229 establishments lost jobs. Of these, 9,331 were contracting establishments and 2,898 were closing establishments. From October to December 2009, 27.0 percent of establishments were gaining jobs and 29.1 percent of establishments were losing jobs.

Table C. Number of private sector establishments by direction of employment change, seasonally adjusted

Category	3 months ended				
	Dec. 2008	Mar. 2009	June 2009	Sep. 2009	Dec. 2009
Establishments gaining jobs.....	11,464	10,207	11,104	11,411	11,385
Expanding establishments.....	8,607	7,708	8,459	8,699	8,522
Opening establishments.....	2,857	2,499	2,645	2,712	2,863
Establishments losing jobs.....	14,121	14,616	13,696	12,434	12,229
Contracting establishments.....	10,933	11,177	10,293	9,403	9,331
Closing establishments.....	3,188	3,439	3,403	3,032	2,898
Net establishment change ¹	-331	-940	-758	-320	-35

¹ The net establishment change is the difference between the number of opening establishments and the number of closing establishments. See the Technical Note for further information.